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Letter dated 29 November 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

With reference to the letters dated 22 November 2018 (S/2018/1046) and 23 November 2018 (S/2018/1047) from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council, I would like to bring the following to your attention:

The allegation in the letter of the Israeli regime regarding the delivery of one air defence system to the T4 airbase in the Syrian Arab Republic by the Islamic Republic of Iran is entirely false. Given the standard practice and track record of the Israeli regime in the systematic dissemination of fabrications and disinformation against the Islamic Republic of Iran, it is obvious that, through such an allegation, it has made another unsuccessful and desperate attempt to divert attention from the real threat posed to regional peace and security emanating from Israel's expansionist policy and brutal practices as well as the war crimes, crime of aggression and crimes against humanity committed by this regime. As such, a fabrication has nothing to do with annex B of resolution 2231 (2015); its inclusion in the relevant reports on that resolution would lead only to the dissemination of false allegations undermining the quality and credibility of such reports and, above all, allow for the distribution of fabrications abusing the established United Nations procedures and resources.

Equally, all of the information presented by the Israeli regime regarding the alleged missile launches by the Islamic Republic of Iran is completely fabricated, as Iran has not launched any type of such missiles on any of the dates specified in that letter. However, as the Islamic Republic of Iran has clarified in its letters dated 11 September 2018 (S/2018/830) and 3 October 2018 (S/2018/891), Iran did launch missiles on 8 September 2018 and 1 October 2018, targeting terrorist elements that were responsible for committing terrorist attacks in Iran. At the same time, for the reasons elaborated in my letter dated 28 November 2018 (S/2018/1061), such launches do not, on any account, fall within the purview of paragraph 3 of annex B of resolution 2231 (2015) and therefore are not inconsistent with its provisions. Consequently, this is yet another regular disinformation campaign by the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Moreover, it is ironic that the Israeli regime calls for the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) — a resolution that it has publicly opposed and repeatedly violated. Therefore, this regime should be held accountable for such violations and be compelled to stop violating the said resolution.

It is worth mentioning in this context that, since its inception, the Israeli regime has arrogantly and flagrantly violated nearly 100 resolutions adopted by the Security Council as a result of Israel's acts of aggression and occupation as well as its well-documented atrocities and war crimes against the Palestinian people. The symbols of a number of such resolutions are presented in the letter dated 9 March 2017 (S/2017/205) from the Islamic Republic of Iran. This appalling track record is enough to leave no moral standing or credibility for the Israeli regime to render judgment about others' alleged violations of Security Council resolutions.

Furthermore, like the foreign policy of the United States — the staunch supporter of the Israeli regime — that is extremely addicted to bullying and imposing sanctions, the foreign policy of the Israeli regime, in addition to its inherent dependence on aggression, occupation, crime and brutality, is extraordinarily addicted to vast systematic disinformation, fabrication and deception. It is crystal clear that the main purpose of such attempts is to cover up and whitewash all of the crimes and brutalities of the Israeli regime through crying wolf and playing victim.

However, it is quite obvious that no amount of smear campaigning, deception or fabrication can conceal all or even a bit of the crimes and brutalities committed by this regime during the short span of its lifetime since its inception. Only a few examples of such crimes include waging over 15 wars in the region, invading all of its neighbours without exception, continuing the occupation of territories of certain countries and imposing the most inhumane blockade against the Gaza Strip.

Finally, another irony is that the Israeli regime, which considers the missile attack by the Iranian forces against terrorists as "a direct threat to Israel", continues to flout all international regimes governing weapons of mass destruction by refusing to become a party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological Weapons Convention, and thereby is the only obstacle lying in the way of establishing a zone free from weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East. Indeed, nuclear weapons in the hands of this regime pose the most serious threat to the security of all States in the Middle East, which should be effectively addressed by the Security Council.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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